

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/664,332
Amendment filed July 8, 2010
Reply to Decision on Appeal dated May 11, 2010

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 6-8, 10, 12, 22, 27 and 28 are pending in this application. Claim 3 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claim 1 has been amended herein. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1, 2, 6-8, 10, 12, 22, 27 and 28 will be pending in this application. The applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added.

Claims 1-3, 6-8, 10, 12, 22, 27 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hamazu et al. (US Patent No. 5,359,017); Buchwalter et al. (US Patent No. 5,879,859; Starkey (US Patent No. 5,384,339) and Green (US Patent No. 4,252,592) in view of Green (US Patent No. 4,299,938). (Office action of July 7, 2005, pages 2-4)

The rejection is moot for claim 3, which has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. The rejection of claims 1, 2, 6-8, 10, 12, 22, 27 and 28 is overcome by the amendment to base claim 1. Claim 1 has been amended in two respects:

First, the claim has been amended to recite “wherein the photopolymerizable resin component is an epoxy resin component having a cyclic ether structure in a molecular structure.” Support for this amendment may be found in claim 3 (now canceled) and, for example, at page 26, lines 4-17, of the specification.

In addition, claim 1 has been amended as follows: “wherein said curing agent component comprises an acid anhydride ~~or a derivative thereof.~~” That is, the curing agent must comprise an acid anhydride.

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Applicant notes that in the Decision on Appeal, Finding of Facts item no. 7 on page 6 notes that the Declarations of record were limited to examples of a single type of resin and curing agent. The present claim amendments further limit the photopolymerizable resin component and the curing agent so as to be more commensurate with the examples in the Declaration.

Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

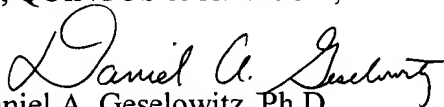
If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the applicant's undersigned agent at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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In the event that this paper is not timely filed, the applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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